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SUBJECT: BADGER BELGIUM BANKRUPTCY

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- 1. AS INDICATED SEPTEL, MISSION HAS CONTACTED HERMAN BERNARD, GENERAL SECRETARY, TUAC (TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE). WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT STATEMENT MADE BY TWO BELGIAN LABOR UNIONS IN PARA (B), REFTEL (A), ON PREPARATIONS OF OECD TO REVIEW BADGER MATTER, BERNARD CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT SUCH A STATEMENT HAD COME FROM TUAC. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BELGIAN UNIONS MAY HAVE GONE A BIT TOO FAR IN THEIR LETTER DESCRIBING THE CURRENT STATUS OF EVENTS BECAUSE OF THEIR UNFAMILIARITY WITH AND THE NEWNESS OF THE OECD GUIDELINES.
- 2. BERNARD STATES (FOR ATTRIBUTION), THAT IT WAS HIS FIRM HOPE THAT THIS MATTER WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE BROUGHT UP IN THE CONSULTATION PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OECD GUIDELINES BECAUSE HE MUCH PREFERRED THAT AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION BE REACHED BEFOREHAND.

3. BERNARD ALSO INDICATED HE INTENDED TO MEET WITH BELGAIN UNION OFFICIALS IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 4 TO DISCUSS THE BADGER SITUATION FURTHER.

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